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Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Sporer et al. in view of Andrew et al. and Freeman et al.

In response, it is respectfully submitted that the claims recite features neither taught nor suggested by the combination of Sporer et al. in view of Andrew et al. and Freeman et al. In particular, such features include "a tag inserter, for inserting marker tags into each picture of the compressed video stream which reference locations in memory where each picture of the video is stored".

In addressing the above feature in the present rejection, the field index disclosed in column 9, lines 9-22, of Sporer et al. is being relied on. However, in column 9, lines 23-26, Sporer et al. discloses that each entry 72 of the index is a bit offset into the bitstream of the of an MPEG header which proceeds the compressed picture.

In view of the above disclosure, it is evident that the index of Sporer et al. cannot be reasonably interpreted as "referencing locations in memory where each picture of the video is stored", as required by the claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the presently recited "tag inserter" is still distinguishable over Sporer et al. in view of Andrew et al. and Freeman et al.

It is further respectfully submitted that the presently recited "a correlator for using the marker tags to correlate decompressed portions of the video to the location in memory of the corresponding compressed portions and for locating in the memory the nearest previously displayed anchor frame" is also neither taught nor suggested. In addressing this feature in the above rejection, paragraph 115, of Freeman et al. is being relied on.

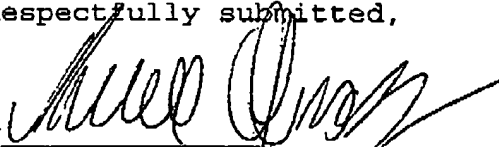
In paragraph 15, Freeman et al. states that to be able to reconstruct full video images, the decompressor/decoder needs to have a minimum number of I, P and B frames. However, claim 14 requires "locating in the memory the nearest previously displayed anchor frame". In paragraph 115 of Freeman et al, such a feature is not disclosed. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the presently recited "correlator" is also distinguishable over Sporer et al. in view of Andrew et al. and Freeman et al..

In view of the above-described descriptions, it is respectfully submitted that the invention of claim 14 is not made obvious by Sporer et al. in view of Andrew et al. and Freeman et al. Therefore, reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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